

Subject: Redistricting

From: Glen Briggs <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 21:27:11 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

My name is Glen Briggs. I live in Siskiyou County along the Klamath River near the community of Happy Camp. Also, I am a registered voter in Siskiyou County and have voted in every election held here during the past 11 years.

I object to changing district boundaries so that I would be forced to vote within a coastal district. I am 1 1/2 hours drive from Yreka but over 5 hours drive to the Arcata, Eureka area. All of my access to news, politics, local activities and current events originate within the inland area within Siskiyou County. Zero percent of my everyday news and awareness comes from Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.

I graduated from High School at Arcata in 1949 and as a result am aware of the political posture favored along coastal Northern California. As a result, when I moved back to Northern California after a Civil Engineering career with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation followed by 10 years working in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area of Texas, I chose to come to Siskiyou County where I could feel somewhat aligned with local residents.

I DO NOT WANT TO ARBITRARILY BE SHIFTED TO A COASTAL VOTING DISTRICT

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Stanley G. Meager" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 10:04:23 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)

To: <[REDACTED]>

This commission has taken Scott Valley and Happy Camp out of the Siskiyou County voting districts disregarding our assembly, senate and congress. We are now in with the coastal districts. This is unacceptable. We should not be devided. We will loose our effective and fair representation. I do not share common interest and culture with those not in our specific district. If it's not broke, don't fix it. Whenever government try's to make things better, we pay dearly for their interference. This is not in my interest or my family so leave things alone.

Stanley G. Meager

[REDACTED]

Seiad Valley, CA. 96086

Subject: Redistricting Siskyou County

From: Tina Frost <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 09:10:42 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Please take another look at what you have done to Siskyou County. This is ridiculous. Siskyou County is Agriculture and does not share the same common interests as the coastal region. Let alone to expect people to drive 5 hours. Looking for your support. Gordon-Tina Frost.

Subject: Redistricting Siskiyou County, California a2

From: "Harry Lake" [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 16:45:12 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154A
Sacramento, CA 95814
"Fair Representation - Democracy at Work"

Just the other day an interview broadcast on the Yreka KSYC Radio of Stanley Forbes, a Member of the Citizens Redistricting Committee (CRC) was confusing for me, when Mr. Forbes expressed that the western half of Siskiyou County, California has a significant Native American population, and because of the fishing conditions which has some connection to the coast, and the CRC being driven by population, those two reasons are the basis, and if the CRC is wrong then they need to hear about it.

I sincerely believe that the analogy or reason for the CRC to divide Siskiyou County into separate Districts is wrong and the following reasons is my story and I am sticking to it!

The 2010 Siskiyou County population is 44,900 and the Native American population in all of Siskiyou County is 1,737, establishing the said Native American population at 3.87%, which is not a very significant ratio for all of the Siskiyou County population.

The Scott Valley Watershed Drainage area is a much lesser population ratio, with a Native American population of 643, a 1.43% of Siskiyou County representation in the western proposed partitioning of said County by the CRC.

The California Karuk Tribe have a historical fishing right to take anadromous fish out of the Klamath River locate at Ishi Pishi Falls near Somes Bar, California, about 0.1 of a mile upstream from the Siskiyou County - Humboldt County Line.

Said Ishi Pishi Falls locate is the only dominant area of influence legally for the Siskiyou County Native American People (Karuk Tribal Members only) that have a common fisheries association with the coastal Tribes.

The Ishi Pishi fisheries area of dominant influence is less than a 0.5 mile radius, which is not a very significant ratio to the area of Siskiyou County!

The communities population of 383, a 0.85% of Siskiyou County representation in the western proposed partition of said County by the CRC is within a 30 mile radius of Ishi Pishi Falls, which is not very significant at all in ratio to the Siskiyou County population.

I therefore say that the CRC do due diligence as stewards of we citizens and correct there proposed demarcation boundary to the following geographic location that I do reiterate by previous correspondence with the CRC:

Please practice your **motto, "Fair Representation - Democracy at Work"!!!!!!**

The most **fair** and socio-economical demarcation of the subject political district for Siskiyou County Citizens is the drainage divide between the Scott River Watershed area and the Trinity River Watershed area.

To do otherwise will create an unjust division and hardship of a **fair representation** for the Siskiyou County Citizens of California and we Siskiyou County Citizens want relief from this matter, on your ridiculous proposal of redistricting attempts in Siskiyou County.

Respectfully,
Harry L. Lake

[REDACTED]
Montague, CA 96064

Subject: Citizen protest of redistricting proposal

From: Theodora Dowling <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 09:36:11 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom it May Concern:

As a native of Etna, California and member of Assembly District 2, California State Senate District 4, and Congressional District 2, I write to protest the proposed redistricting of my hometown. Redistricting my community, which revolves around farming, ranching, and timber, into the coastal district would deprive us of proper political representation. I respectfully request a redrafting of the district map to reflect the interests, issues, values, and family ties represented in my current district.

Sincerely,

Theodora Dowling

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Theodora Dowling

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting of Siskiyou County

From: "Andrew Hurlimann" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 06:21:24 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed re-districting of Siskiyou County.

It makes absolutely no sense to put the Western portion of Siskiyou County in with the Coastal Regions.. It would pose a great hardship on those of us in the affected area of Siskiyou County if we even wanted to travel the 4 1/2 to 5 hours to Eureka to get to see our "representatives". In addition, we have very little in common with the residents of that Region. Our interests are different. Our views are different. Our needs are different. Our culture is different.

I am sure we would lose the effective and fair representation that we have now.

Please leave Siskiyou County intact!

Sincerely,
Andrew Hurlimann
Callahan, California

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Louise Gliatto [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 19:44:30 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Louise Gliatto <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Ojections to splitting Siskiyou County

Message Body:

June 24, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commissioners:

I recently heard a telephone interview by Corky Small, news director for KSYC radio in YREKA, of one of your commissioners, Mr. Forbes.

He was asked why there had not been any public hearings conducted in Yreka. His response was, "We did not have any hearings in "Eureka" because of the expense of time and travel for the commission."

I hope the rest of the Commissioners know we are "Yreka" and not "Eureka."

If it is too much for the commission to come here then what will it be like for us and our Representatives to travel long distances?

It will leave us with little contact thus no "fair or effective representation." Please tell me how that is "Democracy in Action"?

Secondly, he also stated that the commission had not heard much from Siskiyou County. I personally read every letter/email that was sent to the commission. There were 10 letter/emails in April and 41 in May. I find that significant for a county of 44,000.

Thirdly, Mr. Forbes stated that the West Siskiyou County has significant American Native Population, who fish so that is why West Siskiyou was put with the Coastal Communities.

Did the commission look at the census records? I did!

The total American Native population in all of Siskiyou County is only 4% (US Census website), much of which lives in the county seat of Yreka in the Karuk Housing. Fort Jones has 3.2 percent American Natives (US Census Website).

I have no stats for Happy Camp or Siead as they were not listed on the census report. I hope that Mr. Forbes and the rest of the commission will revisit their reasons for putting west Siskiyou County with the Coastal communities based on correct information.

This apparent total disregard for all the facts is both disappointing and appalling.

Louise Gliatto

"Yreka", CA

Siskiyou County

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Subject: Yreka

From: "Stanley G. Meager" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 16:14:17 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)

To: <[REDACTED]>

Sir, there is a big difference between Yreka and Eureka. I have no interest in living in or around Eureka but do have an interest in living and working around Yreka. Big difference! My family and I want nothing to do with Eureka, please take note, Eureka is 5 hours away over dangerous winding roads. Every year there are deaths associated with this route.

Stanley G. Meager

[REDACTED]
Seiad Valley,
CA 96086

Subject: Region 9 Siskiyou County

From: "# WILD ROSE FRIESIAN HORSES" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 10:12:05 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: [REDACTED], "Paul Minasian"

<[REDACTED]> "Richard Ross" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sir,

The proposed redistricting of Siskiyou County which is un thinkable. First of all you have violated your own mandate which requires you to respect the integrity of Counties and communities. Second of all according to your Commissioner from Yolo County who was interviewed on the Radio here yesterday, "this is being done to connect the significant native american population with fishing interest on the coast. He followed up by saying, " we are all about the numbers", "its all about population". Read the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, Section 2, which states that "Indians, not taxed".... are not to be considered in Re districting. If Native Americans choose and wish to be Considered as SOVERIGN NATIONS, then they should not be considered among those of us who wish and choose to support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

The "native" population of Siskiyou County is around three percent and once again, they choose not to participate in our processes as do American Citizens. This process is supposed to be non partisan, and yet this ill considered decision, smacks of party politics to me. Your decision would cause the Citizens of Western Siskiyou to drive a minimum of eight hours round trip on a dangerous and windy mountain road to attend any meeting which directly affects our future. You would most certainly destroy any and all representation for 7000 people. When the Reporter asked your commissioner why you did not hold one single town meeting in our County, the Commissioner replied, Well we were close, we had a meeting in Redding. Redding is FOUR HOURS round trip from the affected citizens. This meeting was not widely publicized and almost no one knew about it. Your Commission is so ignorant of our area and our needs, that your Commissioner called our County Seat by the name Eureka and not YREKA as it is actually known. As is typical for the government of California you people are so arrogant that you never fail to disregard the wishes of the people that you presume to control. JULY the Fourth is a very important day in American history. You and your Commission should take a few minutes to read THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE . The behavior your commission has exhibited reminds me of the English Crown and that led to the war of Revolution. The California Commercial Code contains a line which comes to mind in this situation.. "THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO NOT YIELD THEIR SOVERIGNTY TO THE AGENCIES WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO SERVE THEM.

I urge you to avoid the legal action and civil disobedience which is certain to follow this hasty and ill conceived attempt to deny representation to the people of Western Siskiyou County.

Mark Baird

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Bob McClellan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 20:12:23 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Sirs,

What are you people thinking of? Scott Valley and Happy Camp are NOT part of the coast. We are in the mountains of Siskiyou County, and proud of it. We need to be represented by people who are familiar with our problems here at home.

Robert McClellan

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Leo Bergeron" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 12:45:25 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

My name is ; Leo "T" Bergeron, I'm a resident of Siskiyou County in Northern California.

I have a great concern on the proposed redistricting map that splits Siskiyou county in half. The proposal is stupid!!!!!! I had hoped that this commission would have been made up of intelligent people, but this proposal indicates that this is not the case.

The proposed center for this district is in Eureka a five to six hour drive , in the summer time, more in winter. Currently our center is Redding a one and a half hour drive , year round!!!!!!.

In addition to the distance the social make up of the coastal district and intermountain district are like nite and day. The make up of the coastal is a user mentally, we want , give me, I'm entitle, The intermountain district are doers, workers , contributors to society, not users. To put half of our county into that user mentally would be ludicrous.

The only good thing that I can see from this proposal is that it will speed up the process for the formation of the State Of Jefferson. The influence and mentally of people from southern California is something that we here in the north will be glad to shed.

Leo "T"Bergeron

Subject: redistricting of Siskiyou County

From: "Doug and Shari" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 18:57:48 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

My wife and I, as well as the majority of Siskiyou County residents, are adamantly opposed to the redistricting of our County. The people living in Western Siskiyou County are connected historically and geographically, with their commerce intertwined and dependant on the rest of Siskiyou County. Apparently the folks involved in this ludicrous endeavor, have not been to Siskiyou County and Don't care about the consequences of Redistricting, to the livelihood and well being of the residents of Siskiyou County. PLEASE VOTE NO TO REDISTRICTING.

Chief-Cal Fire

Doug Kaufner
Retired Battalion

[REDACTED]
Montague, CA 96064
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
11521 Quartz Ave.
Montague, CA 96064
[REDACTED]

Subject: redistricting

From: john foster <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 22:41:22 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Scott Valley is a lot better represented being a part Siskiyou Co. than Humboldt

Why wasn't a public town hall meeting held where the people affected live?

This seems to be a divide and conquer plan to get who you figure as the more radical ones with the coast where they hopefully would be out numbered.

Just a step in the plan to make us conform to your way of thinking?

It makes no scents otherwise.

John Foster

Montague Ca.

Subject: Correction to my last email just minutes ago!

From: "Nita Still" [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 22:04:04 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: "nita still" [REDACTED]

The 2010 total population count for Siskiyou County is 44,900 of which **1,737 is Native American**, NOT 17,037.

I am sorry for this error.

Sincerely, Nita Still

Subject: Keep counties together

From: "Nita Still" [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 21:55:45 -0700

To: "Citizens Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

CC: "nita still" [REDACTED]

Dear Commission,

I see you are not following your MAPPING **rules** of "KEEPING COUNTIES GEOGRAPHICALLY CONTIGUOUS." Siskiyou County must remain in tact. It causes a great expense to have the western part of our county split off for the purpose of the 3.89% of indigenous people so they can fish at the coast. This IS ridiculous! LEGALLY, only the Klamath river can be the source of their fishing!

Basically ,the Karuk are only allowed to fish at Ishu Pishi Falls near the mouth of the Salmon river, which is their designated spot.

The Yurok and the Hoopa can put nets across the mouth of the Klamath and catch fish.

This Town is different from Eureka, we are Yreka. Eureka is on the coast.

Our total population is 44,900 of which 17,037 are Native American and that equals 3.89 % Native American. This is from the 2010 count. It has not changed much from what it was before!

You are also supposed to keep communities of the same interests together, "COMMUNITY OF INTEREST SHALL BE RESPECTED." This is another reason why NOT to split a County. Listen to Colleen Seltzer and use her map.

We were not informed or invited to be informed to let you know how we feel and what **we** want. This is wrong, and I demand it be CORRECTED.

Thank You,

Nita Still [REDACTED]

Subject: Proposed Redistricting

From: Jess Bigham <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 21:21:43 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sirs

I am opposed the the new redistricting proposal that puts Fort Jones, Etna, and Callahan into the north coast district. These three areas have no mutural relationship.

It would be impossible for our local citizens to attend meetings that would require much expensive travel and be very time consuming.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Bigham

[REDACTED]
Etna, California 96027 [REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Peggy Heide <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 16:06:13 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Peggy Heide <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't split Siskiyou County

Message Body:

Having lived in Siskiyou County all but 2 years of a total of 59, and Born in YREKA I am totally opposed to splitting the county into two districts. All of the county is agricultural and Scott Valley, Shasta Valley and Butte Valley, Tulelake and Alturas are all joined together by families. Our other major industry was and still tries to be lumber and forestry. The only tie to the Coast has been mispronunciation of our County Seat YREKA. Please do not split our County of Siskiyou. Peggy Heide, of Yreka and raised in Scott Valley.

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Jennifer Hurlimann <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 15:34:03 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jennifer Hurlimann <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Do NOT redistrict Siskiyou county!

Message Body:

DO NOT redistrict Siskiyou county! These new lines are a feeble attempt to quell the growing voice of those concerned with property rights. Our right to be agriculturalists is under attack by the government and by redistricting us with a more liberal, less agricultural district, the government hopes our voices will be lost. As a taxpayer, as a teacher, as a voting, law-abiding citizen, I urge you to NOT REDISTRIBUTE Siskiyou County.

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